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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/712,906	Applicant(s) HOLBROOK, DAVID SCOTT	
	Examiner Tu T. Nguyen	Art Unit 2877	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 2 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☒ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 12 November 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) ✓ | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____. |
| 3) <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____. | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: ____. |

DETAILED ACTION

This application is in condition for allowance except for the following formal matters:

Specification

The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities:

Specification, page 1, line 7, insert "Now U.S. Patent No. 6,646,727" after "2002".

Abstract

Applicant is reminded of the proper language and format for an abstract of the disclosure.

The abstract should be in narrative form and generally limited to a single paragraph on a separate sheet within the range of 50 to 150 words. It is important that the abstract not exceed 150 words in length since the space provided for the abstract on the computer tape used by the printer is limited. The form and legal phraseology often used in patent claims, such as "means" and "said," should be avoided. The abstract should describe the disclosure sufficiently to assist readers in deciding whether there is a need for consulting the full patent text for details.

For this application, the abstract is not in a single paragraph and has more than 150 words.

Claim Objections

Claims 1-19 are objected to because of the following informalities:

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1) Claim 1, line 13; Claim 8, line 22, "simultaneously in both" should be changed to "simultaneously in optical communication with both".

2) Claim 1, line 21, "said polarizers" should be changed to "said polarizer".

3) Claim 2, line 1, "a electronic" should be changed to "an electronic".

4) Claim 4, line 1; Claim 5, line 1; Claim 6, line 1; Claim 7, line 1, "processor" should be changed to "processing unit".

5) Claim 8, line 30, "said second optical path" should be changed to "said reference optical path".

6) Claim 8, line 37, "communications" should be changed to "communication".

7) Claim 8, line 37, "beam combiner" should be changed to "beam multiplexer".

8) Claim 18, line 16; Claim 19, line 20, "the CD rates" should be changed to "CD rates".

9) Claim 19, line 22, "signal beam VDE" should be changed to "signal beam of a variable delay element".

Claims 3,9-17 are objected as being depended on the objected claim.

Allowable Subject Matter

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

Prior arts of record do not disclose an entangled photon source, a first and second beamsplitter, a variable optical delay simultaneously in communicated with both

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a first and second optical branches, wherein there is an additional predetermined fixed delay between the first and second optical branches, wherein also said variable optical delay element is controlled by an external signal; a plurality of first detectors in optical communication with said second beamsplitter element, each of said first detectors adapted to receive photons in one of said optical branches; and a second detector in optical communication with said first beamsplitter element along a second optical path which structurally arranged and functionally operated as claimed in claims 1,8,18-19.

Prosecution on the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

A shortened statutory period for reply to this action is set to expire **TWO MONTHS** from the mailing date of this letter.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tu T. Nguyen whose telephone number is (571) 272-2424. The examiner can normally be reached on T-F 7:30-5:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gregory Toatley Jr. can be reached on (571) 272-2800 Ext. 77. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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